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Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

With this letter, I am writing to inform you of the City of San Jose's concerns and recommendations regarding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

On behalf of the residents of our City, I wish to commend you and your hardworking staff for preparing an excellent Phase II Programmatic EIR/EIS report. We recognize the difficulty of striking a sustainable balance between the beneficial uses of the Bay Delta ecosystem. Our City relies on the Bay-Delta system for a large portion of our water supply, and enjoys the environmental and recreational benefits provided by the South San Francisco Bay. With so much at stake, we support the CALFED program's objectives and solution principles and are committed to helping shape a preferred alternative.

We will happily continue, in coordination with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other local stakeholders, to present our concerns and recommendations on the CALFED program. A CALFED solution, I believe, will accomplish two particularly important objectives. It will include a thorough examination of the potential impacts of the common program elements, including water marketing and transfers. And, it will increase the effectiveness of our cooperative local water reuse, water use efficiency, pollution prevention and watershed management initiative programs.

At this time, I believe that it is premature for the City to recommend a preferred program alternative. I have directed our Administration to submit the enclosed advisory comments on the Programmatic EIR/EIS and continue to remain involved in the process of evaluating and recommending a preferred alternative.



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Lastly, the City of San Jose applauds your efforts to ensure that the City and State of California enjoy a sustainable supply of water for all beneficial uses for years to come.

Sincerely,



Susan Hammer  
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Carl W. Mosher, City of San Jose  
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